

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 27, 2006

SENATE BILL

No. 1515

Introduced by Senator Kehoe

February 23, 2006

An act to add Section 43311 to the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1515, as amended, Kehoe. Solid waste: facilities: operating hours.

Existing law imposes various duties related to solid waste on the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

This bill would require the board, *in consultation with solid waste collection and transfer vehicle fleet operators and operators of solid waste facilities*, to conduct a study of the environmental benefits of expanding the operating hours of solid waste facilities, as defined, as a means of reducing traffic congestion and enabling collection and transfer vehicle fleet operators to access the facilities during off-peak hours. *The bill would require the board to report its findings to the Legislature on or before March 1, 2007.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 43311 is added to the Public Resources
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 43311. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 4 following:

1 (1) Sustaining progress toward achieving the solid waste
2 diversion requirements established by Section 41780 is a key
3 element of the state's comprehensive program for solid waste
4 management, and for the preservation of the health, safety, and
5 well-being of the public.

6 (2) Successful implementation of cost-effective waste
7 diversion and recycling programs requires convenient and
8 accessible facilities for storing, transferring, processing, and
9 disposing solid waste to be available.

10 (3) Lack of adequate transportation infrastructure that is
11 necessary to meet demand, particularly during peak traffic hours,
12 has resulted in severe traffic congestion in urban, suburban, and
13 rural areas throughout the state.

14 (4) Traffic congestion is a significant impediment to the
15 delivery of reliable, efficient, and low-cost waste management
16 services, and contributes to a number of other environmental
17 problems associated with vehicle idling, including adverse
18 impacts on air quality.

19 (5) California is confronted with an increasing human
20 population and declining level of financial support to address
21 traffic congestion issues. Accordingly, the state needs to look to
22 alternatives, including methods to ensure the more efficient use
23 of existing resources, including solid waste facilities, in order to
24 alleviate the impacts of traffic congestion and to enjoy the
25 resulting environmental benefit.

26 (b) The board, *in consultation with solid waste collection and*
27 *transfer vehicle fleet operators and operators of solid waste*
28 *facilities*, shall conduct a study of the environmental benefits of
29 expanding the operating hours of solid waste facilities, as a
30 means of reducing traffic congestion and enabling collection and
31 transfer vehicle fleet operators to access the facilities during
32 off-peak hours. *On or before March 1, 2007, the board shall*
33 *report its findings to the Legislature.*